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SUBJECT: GVN-PRG BILATERALS: 41ST PLENARY SESSION, FEBRUARY 15, 1974

1. SUMMARY. MEETING AT THE DEPUTY CHIEF LEVEL, THE TWO SIDES REPEATED STANDARD POSITIONS IN MODERATE LANGUAGE AND AGREED TOMEET AGAIN FEBRUARY 22. END SUMMARY.

2. NGUYEN XUAN PHONG FOR THE GVN DEMONSTRATED THAT THE WORDS AND DEEDS OF THE OTHER SIDE SHOWED THAT IT DID NOT RALLY RESPECT THE PARIS AGREEMENT BUT ON HHE CONTRARY CONTINUED TO ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE COMMUNIST DOMINATION ON SVN THROUGH MILITARY FORCE AND TERRORISM, CONTRARY TO THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SVN, PHONG URGED THE COMMUNISTS TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO GENERAL ELECTIONS ON JULY 20, WHICH WOULD BE PRECEDED BY CONCLUSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT BY MARCH 19, FORMATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD (NCNRC) BY APRIL19. AND ESTABLISHMENT BY THE NCNRC OF ELECTION MODALITIES AT THE LATEST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS.

3. PRG REP DINH BA THI ASSERTED AS USUAL THAT AN EFFECTIVE
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OF DEOMCRATIC LIBERTIES WERE PREQUISITES FOR TRULY
FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. IN EXPANDING ON THESE
POINTS THI ACCUSED THE GVN OF NUMEROUS ATTACKS ON PRG-
CONTROLLED AREAS AND OF VARIOUS MISDEEDS IN CONNECTION
WITH PRISONER RELEASES SUCH AS LONG DELAYS, TORTURE
BEFORE RELEASE, AND INSISTENCE ON TURNING OVER TO THE PRG
INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THEIR FAMILIES OR
ORGANIZATIONS. IN DISCUSSING DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES THI
MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT TO SEEK WORK.
THI BELABORED THE UNITED STATES FOR ALLEGEDLY INSTIGATING
GVN VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE BY
SUPPLYING 855,000 TONS OF WAR MATERIAL ILLEGALLY TO SVN,
IN A CONTINUING EFFORT TOMAINTAIN U.S. NEO-COLONIALIST
DOMINATION OF SVN.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE ENSUING DISCUSSION BROKE NO NEW
GROUND, IT WAS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN FEBRUARY 22.MOSSLER

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